MOTION TO QUASH CERTAIN DISCOVERY REQUESTS - 1

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³ See Hearing Examiner Rule 3.11.
 ⁴ See Corrected Prehearing Order, July 19, 2012.

The Hearing Examiner's Rules of Practice and Procedure provide that "[i]n response to a motion, or on the Hearing Examiner's own initiative, the Examiner may prohibit or limit discovery where the Examiner determines it to be unduly burdensome, harassing, or unnecessary under the circumstances of the appeal." Under this standard, the Examiner should limit discovery in this case as follows.

A. The Examiner should quash all of Appellant's Interrogatories.

Interrogatories 2 and 3

Interrogatories 2 and 3 ask Respondents to identify the expert witnesses they expect to call at the hearing and to describe the subject matter, facts, and opinions to which each expert is expected to testify and summarize the grounds for each opinion. However, the Examiner has already issued a Prehearing Order that provides deadlines for the filing of preliminary and final witness lists that shall include a brief summary of expected testimony. Thus, Interrogatories 2 and 3 are unnecessary and should be quashed.

Interrogatories 4 through 20

Interrogatories 4 through 20 ask Respondents to answer highly specific, technical questions about the functioning of Meadowbrook Pond and other facilities. As a threshold matter, Respondents have no obligation to perform investigations and/or do analysis at the instigation of an appellant in an administrative appeal. The most that can be asked of Respondents is that they provide information that they already possess.

As such, Appellant has the right to obtain relevant, nonprivileged documents regarding the subject of this appeal. Thus, Appellant may propound requests for production seeking documents that address the subjects of Appellant's interrogatories (to the extent those documents are subject to disclosure). However, from the standpoint of the burden imposed on Respondents, there is an enormous difference between the effort required to produce documents that Respondents possess on a given subject, on one hand, and the effort entailed in responding to specific technical questions, on the other.

It is unduly burdensome to require Respondents to comb through documents to pull out and "serve up" the specific information that an Appellant seeks; that is the Appellant's job. Equally important, given the highly technical nature of Appellant's interrogatories, responding to those interrogatories would require City staff to give detailed review to the documents and then spend substantial time crafting answers that would include all of the interpretation, caveats, etc., that would be required to provide an accurate response under oath. There is no reason to impose such a burden on the City and doing so would be an unreasonable use of limited staff time, particularly in light of the substantial staff time that will already need to be devoted to responding to Appellant's requests for production.⁵

As such, the Examiner should quash Interrogatories 4 through 20. Appellant may, if he wishes, then propound supplemental requests for production seeking documents on the subjects of these interrogatories.⁶

⁶ Undersigned counsel proposed to Appellant that Appellant withdraw his interrogatories and propound such supplemental requests for production, and thereby avoid burdening the Examiner with this motion, but Appellant declined to do so.

⁵ The City notes that many of Appellant's requests for production seek documents that are of highly questionable relevance to this appeal. Because the City wishes to avoid burdening the Examiner with discovery disputes, the City has limited the scope of this motion to address only Appellant's interrogatories and the requests for production related to those interrogatories. However, by doing so, the City in no way concedes that all of the documents requested by Appellant are relevant to this appeal.

Interrogatory 1

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Finally, Interrogatory 1 asks Respondents to identify the individuals who possess information used to respond to the other interrogatories and requests for production. Once the other interrogatories are quashed, the first part of Interrogatory 1 is unnecessary. The second part of that interrogatory (which asks the City to identify all persons who possess information used to respond to Appellant's requests for production) is so vague as to preclude a meaningful response. In any event, to the extent Appellant is asking Respondents to identify all the people who, for example, participated in creating or were the source of knowledge contained in various documents, such a request is both unnecessary and unduly burdensome. In sum, the Examiner should quash all of Appellant's Interrogatories.

B. The Examiner should quash Requests for Production 1 and 2.

Similarly, the Examiner should quash Appellant's Requests for Production 1 and 2, which seek documents used by Respondents in answering Appellant's interrogatories or referring to or relating to Respondents' answers to the interrogatories. As discussed above, Appellant's Interrogatories are improper. If Appellant wishes to request documents on the subjects addressed by the interrogatories, Appellant should propound specific requests for production that identify the types of documents that Appellant desires, and the City can then provide such documents to the extent it is obligated to do so.

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IV. **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Respondents respectfully request that the Examiner: (1) quash all of Appellant's Interrogatories; and (2) quash Appellant's Requests for Production 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of August, 2012.

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Certain Discovery Requests with the Seattle Hearing Examiner using its e-filing system.

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the foregoing being the last known address of the above-named party.

party listed below in the manner indicated:

R. Bruce Struthers

Appellant

10514 Riviera Place NE Seattle, WA 98125

Dated this /st day of August, 2012, at Seattle, Washington.

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- 1. The term "you" means Seattle Department of Planning and Development and Seattle Public Utilities, the respondents, and any person acting under their authority or on their behalf, including employees, agents, or representatives.
- 2. The "Subject Property" refers to the property located at 3600 NE105th Street in Seattle, Washington.
- 3. "Meadowbrook Pond" refers to all structures that comprise the Meadowbrook Detention Pond at 3600 NE 105th Street in Seattle, Washington.
- 4. The term "storm water diversion system" is the continuous aggregate of structures beginning with:
 - a. the diversion inlet at Thornton Creek directly west of Meadowbrook Pond,
 - b. the 72" concrete pipeline running under Meadowbrook Pond
 - c. the overflow manhole at the northeastern cell of Meadowbrook Pond,
 - d. the diversion structure at the eastern end of the 72" concrete pipeline under
 NE 104th Place near the intersection of 44th Avenue NE
 - e. the 96" Sand Point Tunnel running from NE 104th Place to Riviera Place NE,
 - f. the diversion structure between the Burke Gilman Trail and Riviera Place NE between 10514 and 10544 Riviera Place NE,
 - g. the 42" and 48" concrete pipelines running under Riviera Place NE and King County parcel 7352200170,
 - h. the Meadowbrook Outfall and,
 - i. The 42" and 48" ductile iron pipes in Lake Washington at the Meadowbrook Outfall.

- 5. The term "hydraulic residence time" is the length of time storm water runoff remains in a storm water detention pond.
- 6. The terms "document" or "documents" as used herein, are used in the broadest possible sense and include, without limitation, not only matter set down on paper but also all responsive matter stored in computers or computer memory and any responsive matter fixed in any tangible means of expression, *i.e.* any tangible matter or any medium upon which information, thoughts or intelligence are recorded or from which they can be retrieved. This includes but is not limited to all written or graphic matter, formal or informal, however created or reproduced, in the possession, custody, care or control of respondents or any of its representatives including, but not limited to:
 - a. Papers, books, journals, ledgers, statements, purchase or sale confirmations, statement of accounts, memoranda, prospectuses, reports, invoices, work papers, notes, transcriptions of notes, letters, correspondence, checks, graphic representations, films, photographs, diaries, calendars, desk calendars, pocket calendars, lists, logs, publications, advertisements, messages, summaries, agreements, contracts, telegraphs, telexes, transcriptions of tapes or records, and any other writings or tangible things on which any handwriting, typing printing, photostatic or other forms of communications or information recorded or reproduced, as well as all notations on or pertaining to the foregoing;
 - b. Originals and all other copies not absolutely identical to said originals;

- c. All drafts and notes (whether typed, handwritten or otherwise) made or prepared in connection with such documents, whether used or not; and
- d. All digital data or information or other information, including any e-mails, information within computer applications such as Microsoft Word, Notepad, Excel or PowerPoint, information maintained on computer disks or databases, computer tapes, disks, computer memory, RAM, optical disks, CD-ROM, DVD or any other computer, portable media or device, or non-paper means.
- 7. To the full extent that any information responsive to these requests is stored in any computer, hard drive, DVD, CD-ROM, computer tapes, computer disks, computer memory, portable media or device, or any digital media, then the information should be produced in the native format in which it is stored.
- 8. "Person" means any natural person, marital community, partnership, corporation, joint venture, business entity or government entity.
- 9. "Identify," when used with respect to a person, means to state with respect to each such person:
 - a. Name;
 - b. Last-known residence address;
 - c. Occupation, employer and business address at the date of the event or transaction to which the discovery request refers; and
 - d. Present occupation, employer and business address, and identification of any subdivision or group of an employer in which the person is employed.

- 10. As used in these discovery requests, the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

 The masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders. The past tense includes the present tense where the clear meaning is not distorted by change of tense.
- 11. With respect to the requests for production of documents below, produce for examination and copying all of the requested documents and other tangible things described which are within your possession, custody or control, at 10514 Riviera Place NE, Seattle, WA 98125, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of these discovery requests.
- 12. If you object to answering any of these discovery requests, or withhold documents from production in response to these requests, in whole or in part, state your objections and/or reasons for not responding and state all factual and legal justifications that you believe support your objection or failure to answer or to produce. If you object to answering only part of a discovery request, specify the part to which you object and respond to the remainder.
- 13. If you deem any request to call for privileged information or documents and assert such privilege so as to avoid divulging such information or producing such documents, provide a list with respect to each item of information or each document so withheld, stating:
 - a. Description of allegedly privileged communication or document withheld;
 - b. Persons present during or participating in the allegedly privileged communication or the author(s) and recipient(s) of the document withheld;
 - c. Date of allegedly privileged communication or document withheld;
 - d. Subject matter of allegedly privileged communication or the document withheld;

- e. Type of document withheld (e.g., letter, memorandum or computer database);
- f. Nature of privilege(s) claimed; and
- g. The discovery requests to which the allegedly privileged communication or document relates.
- 14. Please seasonably and promptly supplement your responses to all of these discovery requests as this action continues, to the full extent required by Hearing Examiner Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 3.11.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Please identify all individuals or entities who possess information used in any manner to respond to these interrogatories and requests for production, and for each such person or entity, identify the interrogatory(ies) or request(s) as to which the individual or entity possesses information.

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Please identify each person whom you expect to call as an expert witness at the hearing.

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Please describe in detail the subject matter, facts, and opinions as to which each expert is expected to testify, and summarize the grounds for each opinion.

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: What is the design Hydraulic Residence Time for runoff that enters the existing Meadowbrook Pond?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: What is the design Hydraulic Residence Time for runoff that enters the proposed improved Meadowbrook Pond?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: What is the permeability of the soils samples retrieved on February 10, 2012 in the coring locations specified by Mike Hrachovec of Natural Systems Design documented in the Meadowbrook Pond Sediment Characterization memorandum prepared by Taryn Sass and Grant Davenport of SPU Geotechnical Engineering for Greg Stevens on March 15, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 7: What is the Relative Risk Score calculated between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012 by Seattle Public Utilities Repair, Rehabilitation and Replacement (3R) Tool for the Meadowbrook Pond and all assets that comprise the attached storm water diversion system?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 8: What are the minimum, maximum and average temperatures of water from Thornton Creek entering each inlet to Meadowbrook Pond between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 9: What are the minimum, maximum and average temperatures of detained water from each outlet of Meadowbrook Pond re-entering Thornton Creek between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: What are the minimum, maximum and average temperatures of water entering Lake Washington from the outlet of each pipe of the Meadowbrook Outfall between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 11: What are the minimum, maximum and average pH levels of water from Thornton Creek entering each inlet to Meadowbrook Pond between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 12: What are the minimum, maximum and average pH levels of detained water from each outlet of Meadowbrook Pond re-entering Thornton Creek between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 13: What are the minimum, maximum and average pH levels of water entering Lake Washington at the outlet of each pipe of the Meadowbrook Outfall between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 14: What are the minimum, maximum and average flow rates of water from Thornton Creek entering each inlet to Meadowbrook Pond between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 15: What are the minimum, maximum and average flow rates of detained water from each outlet of Meadowbrook Pond re-entering Thornton Creek between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 16: What are the minimum, maximum and average flow rates of water at the outlet of each pipe at the Meadowbrook Outfall entering Lake Washington between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 17: What are the minimum, maximum and average turbidity measures of water from Thornton Creek entering each inlet to Meadowbrook Pond between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 18: What are the minimum, maximum and average turbidity measures of detained water from each outlet of Meadowbrook Pond re-entering Thornton Creek between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 19: What are the minimum, maximum and average turbidity measures of water at the outlet of each pipe at the Meadowbrook Outfall entering Lake Washington between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

INTERROGATORY NO. 20: Who took the measurements provided in response to interrogatories 8-19 and when were these measurements taken?

ANSWER:

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 1: Please produce any and all documents or items that you referred to, relied upon, reviewed, identified or described in answering any of the interrogatories above.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 2: Please produce any and all documents or items that refer or relate in any way to any of your answers to any of the interrogatories above.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3: Please produce all electronic mail correspondence on the topic of the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Removal Project, Creek and Pond Project, Meadowbrook Pond Dredging and Improvements Project, Thornton Creek Confluence and Meadowbrook Improvement Project or Thornton Creek Confluence Project between any Seattle Public Utilities employee involved in these projects and Ginger Holser

of Washington Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, between January 1, 2007 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4: Please produce all electronic mail correspondence on the topic of the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Removal Project, Creek and Pond Project, Meadowbrook Pond Dredging and Improvements Project, Thornton Creek Confluence and Meadowbrook Improvement Project or Thornton Creek Confluence Project between any Seattle Public Utilities employee involved in these projects and Jim Muck of Washington Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, between January 1, 2007 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5: Please produce all electronic mail correspondence on the topic of the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Removal Project, Creek and Pond Project, Meadowbrook Pond Dredging and Improvements Project, Thornton Creek Confluence and Meadowbrook Improvement Project or Thornton Creek Confluence Project between any Seattle Public Utilities employee involved in these projects and Jacalen Printz of the United State Army Corps of Engineers between January 1, 2007 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 6: Please produce any and all documents, including CCTV video, that pertain to maintenance of the storm water diversion system between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 7: Please produce any and all documents, including CCTV video, that pertain to line cleaning and inspection of the storm water diversion system at Meadowbrook Pond between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 8: Please produce any and all documents that present or rely upon measurements of Hydraulic Residence Time of runoff entering Meadowbrook Pond from January 1, 1997 to June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 9: Please produce any and all maintenance plans and schedules for the Meadowbrook Pond from January 1, 1997 to June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 10: Please produce any and all maintenance plans and schedules for the proposed improved Meadowbrook Pond after completion of the Meadowbrook Outfall Dredging and Improvements Project.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 11: Please produce any and all maintenance plans and schedules for the storm water diversion system after June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 12: Please provide all documents, including Project Development Plans, presented to the Asset Management Committee of Seattle Public Utilities between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012 for the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Removal Project, Creek and Pond Project, Meadowbrook Pond Dredging and Improvements Project, Thornton Creek Confluence and Meadowbrook Improvement Project or Thornton Creek Confluence Project, and any other proposed capital improvement project on or between King County parcels 2726049129 at 3600 NE 105th Street, 7710200700 at 9718 44th Avenue NE and 7352200170 at 10520 Riviera Place NE.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 13: Please produce any and all documents that comprise, refer or relate to any expert witness' opinions and testimony, including but not limited to documents provided to those experts, any documents or materials received from

any of those experts, any analysis or testing performed by any of those experts, any report prepared by any of those experts, any notes, memoranda or other related writings prepared by

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or for any of those experts, the complete copy of the file or files of any such experts, and any other documents relied upon or referred to by any of those experts.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 14: Please provide all versions of all Project Development Plans for any storm water treatment facilities proposed between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012 to treat storm water runoff within the Thornton Creek watershed.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 15: Please produce all electronic mail correspondence on the topic of the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Removal Project, Creek and Pond Project, Meadowbrook Pond Dredging and Improvements Project, Thornton Creek Confluence and Meadowbrook Improvement Project or Thornton Creek Confluence Project between any Seattle Public Utilities employee involved in the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Manipulation (2008 Summer Sediment Removal Project) sent between January 1, 2007 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 16: Please provide all records of all spill responses, water quality investigations and resulting enforcement actions by Seattle Public

Utilities' Source Control program for the Meadowbrook Pond or attached storm water diversion system between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 17: Please provide all risk assessments performed by Seattle Public Utilities' Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) program for the Meadowbrook Pond and attached storm water diversion system between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 18: Please produce all "lessons learned" documents produced for the all capital improvement projects completed between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012 for Meadowbrook Pond and the Meadowbrook Outfall.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 19: Please produce all comments and questions submitted from the public between January 1, 1997 and June 28, 2012 to Greg Stevens, Project Manager, relating to the Meadowbrook Forebay Sediment Removal Project, Creek and Pond Project, Meadowbrook Pond Dredging and Improvements Project, Thornton Creek Confluence and Meadowbrook Improvement Project or Thornton Creek Confluence Project.

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REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 20: Please produce all responses from any Seattle Public Utilities employees to the comments and questions submitted from the public that are responsive to request for production 19.

RESPONSE:

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 21: Please provide the all documents used to prepare the Meadowbrook Pond Detention Facility Dredging and Improvement Project SEPA Environmental Checklist, including:

- a. HWA GeoSciences, Inc. June 23, 2003. Sediment Sampling Meadowbrook Pond Seattle,
- b. Washington. HWA Job No. 2003-040-22.
- Resource Planning Associates, Miramar Group, and Taylor Associates. August 12, 2005.
- d. Meadowbrook Pond: A study of water circulation and its possible effects on storm water treatment and water quality.
- e. Horner, Richard and Taylor Associates. October, 2008. Meadowbrook Pond: Assessment of maintenance and performance, and proposed action plan.
- f. Booth, Derek. 2008. Meadowbrook Pond conceptual analysis for sediment-related issues. Technical memorandum.
- g. Eastberg, Cheryl (City of Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation). No date. Checklist of Meadowbrook Pond bird species.
- h. Northwest Archaeological Associates (NWAA). May 2011. Cultural resources assessment for the Thornton Creek Confluence Project, King County, Washington.
- i. Seattle Public Utilities. 2010. Seattle Biological Evaluation.
- j. Symbiosis Tree Care. 2011. Hazard and exceptional tree evaluation.

Appellant's Defendant's First Set of Interrogatories and Requests for Production to Plaintiffs and Amended Reponses

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